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EDITORIALS

A PERPETUAL WAR

There is one war that goes on and on, year after year, taking a fearful toll in life and property. It is automotive war. This year in Virginia alone, well over 600 people will have lost their lives in highway accidents. Over the nation the total will be over 30,000.

From time to time safety campaigns are waged and we editors join such editorials as we can, "viewing with alarm" the tragedy of our mechanical age. But the war goes on. It might seem that surely enough is said and written to clear public conscience of a feeling of guilt in this wastage of life and property. But the total is so appalling, and so general and constantly present that new efforts must be made to end this perpetual war.

An idea occurs to us:

An amazing dollar total is taken in by Virginia through its gasoline tax. It is segregated to highway purposes, as it should be. It is perhaps all needed for projects that are carefully chosen. We have no fault to find with the spending of this fund and could even wish that it were larger. But we would like to see about $250,000 a year of the gas tax money spent to set up and operate a Safety Department within the State Department of Highways. A skilled expert capable of earning $20,000 a year salary ought to head. He should be the highest paid man in state government, for his job would be save hundreds of lives and millions of dollars worth of property annually. The work would be mainly educational. Ordinary markers, signs, enforcement, etc., is already being done by the department.

It takes a lot of training to get a pilot ready to operate an airplane. Remember how much it cost during World War II to develop pilots for our B 29's? And a railroad carefully trains the men who operate its trains. So with other machines. Yet the training of those who operate motor vehicles is left to hit and miss apprenticeship. We undertake the job of training those licensed to operate automobiles. The field is wide open for improvement over our present system. Virginia can be a pioneer state in training drivers of cars, starting well down in the grades at school. It is an attractive field. It challenges. The sum we suggest may be too low. But it should serve to get a real program started.

Too many lives are lost on the highways. Too many are crippled. Too much property is destroyed. We have talked about enough. Now we should spend an adequate sum to tackle one of the great problems of our name: how to enjoy and get full benefit from the automotive age without such a horrible penalty.

The people would back our able Governor were he to put such an item in his budget proposals.

GOVERNOR WARREN

(From Norfolk Virginian-Pilot)

Harold Stassen literally threw his hat into the Republican presidential nomination ring nearly a year ago and has been busy ever since telling everyone who will listen that it very definitely is there. Senator Taft, after cautiously testing the political and party weather in various parts of the country, personally tossed in his hat several weeks ago. Governor Dewey is coyly looking the other way while he tries to decide the right time for pointing out that his hat has been sitting plump in the middle of the ring since 1944. The sun-burned sombrero now jostling the three belongs to Governor Warren of California.

The manner in which it arrived there has its own interest. For months California Republicans have been telling every party visitor to their state that Governor Warren is the man. He himself has appeared to be impervious to the idea. Last week they virtually demanded that he let them enter a Warren slate in the state presidential primary. All right, boys, he said in effect, here's my hat; throw it in if you want to—but don't expect me to get excited or do anything much to help you. And when reporters besieged the gubernatorial offices at Sacramento, he explained that he had no campaign plans at all. He would not make a speech outside of California. He would not take the initiative to have his name entered in any other primary. He had not discussed the subject with non - California party leaders—and did not propose to. He would simply go on being the governor of California—and let the California Republicans have their fun with his hat.

Governor Warren is a shrewd politician who knows that active campaigning would be, for him, a waste of time and effort. The other candidates are too far ahead in the publicity and delegate-pledging race for him to win by straight running. His one hope would be a deadlock between, say, the Taft-Stassen forces on one hand and the Dewey on the other. Then the party, turning to a dark-horse, might turn to him. His cue, in the circumstances, is to be available—but not have his availability marred by possible defeats in specific primaries. And no one, this early in the contest, should under-estimate his deadlock-breaking attractions.

He is the popular and highly successful governor of one of the top electoral states. He is reasonably well known to all regular party leaders, having delivered the convention keynote address in 1940 and been forced into some adroit dodging to avoid being pinned to the second-spot on the Dewey ticket in 1944. His vote-getting powers were demonstrated last year when he won, by strong majorities, both the Republican and Democratic governorship primaries. He is just the kind of steady, middle-of-the-road man to whom a weary convention might turn as a compromise nominee capable of uniting both wings of the party and perhaps of capturing independent Democratic votes.

Take My Word for It!

By Frank Colby

"JUNIOR" AND "SECOND"

Q. How is it that young Henry Ford is known as "Second" when, as a matter of fact, he is the third generation of the original Henry Ford family?—R. H.

A. Questions such as this indicate that there is quite a lot of confusion as to the distinction between "Junior" and "Second." The matter is somewhat complicated but perhaps this article will make the usage a little more understandable.

First of all, let us note carefully that "Junior" and "Second" do not mean the same thing. Junior is a word from the Latin, and it means "younger." "Junior" is used principally to designate a son who has the same full name as his father.

Now then, let us use the Ford family as an example of the manner in which "Junior" and "Second" are used correctly. Here are the three generations of the Ford family:

Henry Ford
Henry's son: Edsel Ford
Edsel's son and
Henry's grandson: Henry Ford

It is obvious that if Henry's grandson were to be known as "Henry Ford, Junior," it would suggest that he, and not Edsel, is Henry's son. To avoid this confusion, Henry's grandson is designated as "Henry Ford II" (the second) thus:

Henry Ford
Edsel Ford
Henry Ford II

To show how the designation "Third" would work out, let us pretend that Henry Ford had had two sons, one named Edsel, and one named Henry. Also, let us say that each son had a son, each named Henry. In such a case the proper designations would be:

Henry Ford

Henry Ford Jr. Edsel Ford
Henry Ford III Henry Ford II

There is a common misbelief that "Junior" means "son of," and it therefore cannot properly be used by a daughter whose name is identical with her mother's. But, as I have explained, "Junior" simply means "younger," and even in Latin the word is both masculine and feminine. I know of at least one instance of "Junior" in designating a daughter—the case of the New York social leader, Cobina Wright Sr., whose debutante daughter was formally called Cobina Wright Jr.

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THE BIBLE TODAY

International Uniform Sunday School Lesson

By LOUIE D. NEWTON, D.D.

SCRIPTURE: III John.
DEVOTIONAL READING: I Corinthians 1:10-17.

Christian Fellowship

Lesson for December 7, 1947

SUNDAY'S lesson is based on the short third Epistle of John. You can read it in two minutes, but you will not exhaust its meaning in a lifetime. Link with III John the devotional reading found in First Corinthians 1:10-17, and you have a great and glorious picture of Christian fellowship. Note these words:

Dr. Newton

"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same things, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." I Corinthians 1:10.

And these words from III John, second verse:

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

Here we have the basis for Christian fellowship.

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Let Us Love One Another

WHAT is the first test of Christian fellowship? Read I John 4:7.

Love one for another is the first and last test of Christian fellowship. Of course, love one for another is dependent upon love toward God. We do not really love one another until we first love God. And we do not love God until we realize that he first loves us.

Why do we keep certain letters? Because they are from those who love us, and whom we love. Boys and girls can help to make this a better world if they will express their love one for another in letters.

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Gracious Words

IN ECCLESIASTES 10:12, we read: "The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious."

Christmas will soon be here. There will be many Christmas cards and turn as a compromise nominee capable of uniting both wings of the party and perhaps of capturing independent Democratic votes.

Christmas letters. Let us think carefully of some lonely boy or girl in our community who may not receive such a message unless you send it.

More than that, think of the lonely boy or girl in the hospital, in the orphan home, in the underprivileged tenement. Think what a letter from you to such a lonely neighbor would mean!

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Doing Good

CHRISTIAN fellowship, in the last analysis, is doing good. "He that doeth good is of God," says John, and we know that it is true. Intermediate boys and girls can seize upon numerous methods of proving their Christian attitude as we come on toward the Christmas season. Discuss with your teacher next Sunday the idea of providing Christmas gifts for underprivileged boys and girls of your age. If not in your community, somewhere.

While in Europe last summer, I was impressed with the fact that there will be very little Christmas for the young people in many of those lands this year. War has left its frightening desolation. The people are without money and without homes and without clothing and without food.

May I suggest that you discuss plans by which you may send packages through CARE to some lonely, needy neighbor in Europe this Christmas, thus proving your sense of Christian fellowship.

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Furthering the Gospel

AS WE grasp more fully the meaning of this lesson next Sunday, our hearts will gladly respond to the opportunities for furthering the Gospel of Jesus Christ, even as Gaius and Demetrius impressed John.

In every community are crying needs for Christian ministry. Your newspapers will be telling of special opportunities for Christmas help. Your Community Fund chairman can give you names of worthy neighbors who need help.

"I thank God for your fellowship in furtherance of the Gospel from the first day until now," wrote Paul to the Philippian Christians.

How did they show this fellowship? In many, many practical ways, some of which Paul names. They sent food, books, clothing. More than that, they gave themselves in personal visitation to lonely friends. They cheered the faint.

How happy we shall be if after the study of this lesson we go out to do with all our might what our hands find to do.

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"GAY GADGETS"

Associated Newspapers—WNU Features

By NANCY PEPPER

WALLET WISHING

If you want to know all about a teen, just look into her wallet. You'll find out what clubs she belongs to, what boys she dates, what girls she pals with, what classes she has in school — and also how much money she has to spend on the next banana split. Just because your wallet is so important to you, we've conducted a survey to find out what new features you'd like the wallet manufacturers to introduce. Will wallet manufacturers please tune in here?

Frame for a Favorite — In addition to the regular transparent picture frames, you'd like one special frame, decorated with hearts and flowers and stuff, in which to insert your Man of the Moment's photo. It would be just another way of keeping up with who's going steady with whom.

Beauty Spots — You'd like accommodations for lipstick and pocket comb in your wallet, since those are the two Glamour Guards you carry to school.

Secret Service — You'd like one secret pocket that no one could discover without a diagram. In that you'd keep your very confidential stuff—the secrets you tell to only about a half dozen well-chosen "best friends." The secrets that go in one ear and OUT!

Safe Keeping — You'd like a special purse that opens automatically when it has a stipulated sum of money in it—and not before. Like one of those coin banks that won't release its contents until it has $10, no matter how you shake it and pry it.

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Tune Twisters

Well, as one disc jerkie said to another disc jerkie, "Let's put on the platters and go 'round together." For you teens, music hath such charms that it actually colors your conversation. Here is some of your latest title talk and rhythm rumpus.

Ivy — A cold, indifferent Jill, with a touch of "witches' scorn."

Red Silk Stockings and Green Perfume — Your new answer to the eternal question, "What are you going to wear?"

What Do They Do on a Rainy Anniversary in Glocca Morra? — The new fad is to mix 'em up.

Peg o' My Heart — Only you substitute "his" name for "Peg's," when you want people to know who's your leading man.

Tiptaptyshun — That hillbilly version of that old torch ballad has inspired you to sing all the popular mood stuff in hillbilly style. If Jo Stafford can do it, why can't you?

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Has anybody asked you yet, "What are you Doing New Years Eve?" Might as well start worrying early this year!

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Pamplin

Pamplin, Dec. 1.- Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Black were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Bowles, of Richmond last week.

Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Ponton, of Lynchburg and Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Ponton, of Richmond were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McCall Thanksgiving.

Rev. Simpson and son, Tommy, and Mrs. C.H.McCall and daughter, Nancy Jane, and Mr. and Mrs. Paulette were dinner guests of Misses Mattie and Wilsie Thornton and Mrs. Flossie Martin Saturday evening.

Mrs. W. S. Mann and daughter, Nancy, were recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Ranson, of Lynchburg.

Lawson Pankey, of Richmond College spent the holidays with his father, E. L. Pankey.

Mrs. R. C. Hughes spent Thanksgiving with her daughter, Miss Della Hughes, of Baltimore, Md.

Miss Mary Lee Dickerson, of Colonial Beach and Miss Sarah N. Dickerson, of Farmville State Teachers College spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dickerson.

John Jeter Ligon, of V.P.I. spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ligon.

Holiday visitors in the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Black were Miss Lillian Fauber, of Lynchburg; Howard Clayton, of Roanoke, Mrs. William O'Brien, of Appomattox; Mrs. Adolph Haug, of Norfolk, and Miss Phoebe O'Brien, of Washington, D. C.

Thomas Jamerson, of Newport News spent last week at his home here.

Earl Wood, of Winchester, spent Thanksgiving with his sister, Mrs. Edward Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. K. L. McClenny and daughter, Betty, of Farmville, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Davis Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wronieweiz recently visited their children and the latter's mother, of Salem.

Mrs. N. L. McClenny and daughter, Miss Aileen McClenny spent the Thanksgiving holidays in the home of the former's daughter, Mrs. F. C. Miller, of Locust Hill.

Mrs. C. H. McCall and daughter, Nancy Jane Hall and Mrs. Cecil Ligon and children, Tommy and Anne spent Friday in Lynchburg.

Try a Classified Adv.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, Dec. 2.- J. A. Martin and family spent Thursday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moon, Mrs. W. A. Moon and daughter spent Thursday in the home of William Moon, of Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Martin and children, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Frazier and son, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Babcock and son, Miss Erna Dickerson and Jimmie Dickerson spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Walton and family spent Thanksgiving in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Carson.

Burton Carson, Jr., who has been a patient in Lynchburg General Hospital for several weeks, is much better.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cyrus left Friday morning for Albany, Georgia to attend the marriage of their son, D. H., Jr., to Miss Jonelle Barfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Carson, of Altavista visited their parents last week-end.

Miss Joyce McCormick and Mrs. R. B. McCormick were joint hostesses at a surprise birthday party to honor Mrs. Charlie McCormick Friday evening, at the home of Mrs. R. B. McCormick.

Spout Spring, Dec. 2.- Miss Gwendolyn Paulette, of Evergreen was the Sunday guest of Miss Dori Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moon, of Richmond spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moon

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Puckett and James Bradley visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jennings.

Miss Alice Jennings was supper guest last Wednesday of Miss Dorothy Megginson, of Vera.

Miss Estelle Layne spent her vacation here last week, in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Layne.

10,000 Haganah troops move between Tel Aviv and Jaffa as rioting flares in Holy Land.

Play safe— drive carefully.

Soviet Union blocks the American plan for peace treaties.

St. Louis Cardinals baseball team is sold.

CIO unions may demand another wage boost.

Evergreen

Evergreen, Dec. 2- Thanksgiving has come and gone and we should all be so thankful that the Lord has blessed us so very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeter Witt Woolridge and mother, of Covington, spent the week-end with the form er's parents, Mr. and Mrs L. L Stewart.

Mrs. Mary Sullivan, of Lynchburg and J. W. Glover, of Crewe spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs.. G. W. Glover.

Rev. and Mrs. Cecil G. Carter spent last week in Richmond.

Mrs. Clifton Paulette spent the week-end in Lynchburg with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Gibson and two sons; Mr. and Mrs. James Gibson, and two sons, of Washington spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner. They were accompanied home by Miss Lindy Warriner.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Evans, of Charlotte Court House visited in the home of Miss Blannie Evans last Friday.

The community was saddened to hear of the death of Mrs. Nannie Bell Ferguson.

Mrs. Jeff Paulette spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. A. B. Ferguson.

Mrs. T. T. Evans, who has been visiting her daughter and family in South Carolina for the past two weeks, returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Glover and three children, Eulalia, Elnora and Bessie Ann are spending a few days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ferguson.

Miss Lucile Ferguson and two brothers, Carl and Billy, called to see Miss Betsy Ferguson Monday night.

Administration drafts acts to try to halt inflation.

Truman asks Federal funds for Navajos.

U. of N. C. refuses bowl bid.

Beaverbrook says Churchill will return to power.

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